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MCCLOY, STEVENSON AND YOST SAW SYG THIS AFTERNOON TO BRING HIM UP
TO DATE ON CUBAN DEVELOPMENTS. MCCLOY REVIEWED LATEST CONVERSATION
WITH KUZNETSOV ALONG LINES USUN 1941, 1942.

US DRAFT DECLARATION GIVEN TO SYG WITH WARNING WE HAD NOT YET
REVEALED PUBLICLY WE HAD GIVEN ANY DOCUMENT TO USSR AND DID NOT
REGARD IT AS COMMITMENT UNTIL WE HEARD FROM THEM AND WORKED
AGREEMENT OUT.

SYG'S REACTION WAS GOOD. ONLY COMMENT HE MADE WAS THAT NEXT
TO LAST PARA ON OVERFLIGHTS WOULD CAUSE DIFFICULTY WITH USSR.
BUNCHE SUGGESTED FIRST PART OF SENTENCE, REFERRING TO
"UNDERSTANDING" MIGHT BE DELETED AND PARA LEFT AS STATEMENT OF
US POSITION.

SYG ALSO SEEMED TO FAVOR IN LIEU SC MEETING, POSSIBILITY
SEPARATE DECLARATIONS BY PRESIDENT AND KHRUSHCHEV WHICH WOULD
THEN BE SENT TO HIM FOR CIRCULATION AS SC DOCUMENT. HE
SAW THIS AS OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID DIFFICULTIES WHICH OTHERWISE
WOULD BE RAISED BY CUBAN INSISTENCE ON SPEAKING IN SC. ON
OTHER HAND, HE AGREED THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD NOT
PREVENT CUBA FROM LATER CALLING FOR SC MEETING ON OVERFLIGHT
QUESTION, UNLESS RUSSIANS WERE ABLE TO PERSUADE THEM NOT TO
ASK FOR MEETING. NEITHER SYG NOR ASSOCIATES SHOWED ANY
OBJECTION TO OVERFLIGHTS.

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STEVENSON

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